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EMBASSY CONVOYS PREPARED TO DEPART

11. (SBU) Embassy Belgrade confirms two convoys of non-emergency personnel and eligible family members escorted by a Serbian anti-terrorism team are scheduled to depart Belgrade at 0700 EST/1300 local. The main convoy with 67 people will drive to Zagreb and 20 USAID personnel will go to Budapest. No private Amcits have indicated they will join the convoy. (Ops/Embassy Belgrade e-mail)

CHANCERY DAMAGE ASSESSMENT CONTINUES

12. (SBU) Embassy Belgrade will delay replacement of damaged communications gear until security around the embassy can be guaranteed. A D.S. Mobile Security Detail

is expected midday. Post reports Serbian police presence at the chancery consists of one armored vehicle and some police. Serbian authorities have promised two armored vehicles and a 60-person police detachment. (Ops/Embassy Belgrade telcon)

SERBIAN GOVERNMENT DIVIDED ON VIOLENCE

13. (SBU) Embassy Belgrade reports President Tadic has repudiated the violence. Post notes even Defense Minister Sutanovac, generally known as a hard-liner, personally sought to break up an attack on the independent B-92 radio station. However, PM Kostunica's DSS party remains unrepentant, and the Radicals maintain the protestors' actions were legitimate. (Ops/Embassy Belgrade telcon)

SERBS TO PROTEST IN CANADA

- 14. (SBU) Demonstrators may stage unspecified protests at 1800 EST at ConGen Toronto, and at 1600 EST on February 24 at the Vancouver Art Gallery. (Ops/ConGen Toronto e-mail, Ops/ConGen Vancouver e-mail)
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